

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:	)	<b>Mail Stop Issue Fee</b>
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Application No.: 10/608,039	)	Examiner: C. DAYE
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For: GARBAGE COLLECTING	)	
SYSTEMS AND METHODS	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i)**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(i), Applicant(s) bring(s) to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the payment of the Issue Fee and before the Patent issues. Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner place this Information Disclosure Statement and its accompanying PTO-1449 form in the application.

Copies of the non-patent literature documents are attached.

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